



## **Legislation May 2011**

1. **An unfunded mandate reduction act**, following the lines of the federal paperwork reduction act. This would require a cost estimate for each new mandate from the legislature or the education department. These costs would be calculated for the different types of local districts and accumulated for the statewide total mandate cost.
2. **A bill to reduce school districts printing costs**
  - a. This bill would permit school districts to circulate and publish documents electronically, that is using district or BOCES websites. Paper copies of documents would be prepared and mailed only on request, on an 'opt-in' basis.
  - b. NYSED will be required to accept the STACS special education reports in electronic form.
3. **Legislation to reduce the cost of the new controller's audits**, which have cost taxpayers more to conduct than they have saved. This will be done by
  - a. Reducing the frequency to every two years
  - b. Streamlining the requirements on districts who have had clean records for two cycles, to a half-cost audit
4. Finally, we ask support for the bill to allow **amortization of TRS payments** (Member Abbate's Bill Number A06309 - Same as State Senate Number S 4067).